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From the St. James's Evening Post, Dec. 8.

Bologna, Nov. 27.

THE Pretender is almost every Day at Mass in the Church of the Fathers of the Oratory, and in the Evening he goes to the Assembly at Corsail-house, where he desires to pass only for *Chevalier de St. George*, that the Company may not be under any Restraint. We are assured that the Chevalier will shortly make a Tour to the principal Towns in Italy; but whether he will take the young Gentlemen his Sons with him, is not certain.

Geneva, Decem. 5. We have received Letters which say, that the Ambassadors of England and Holland are retired from the Court of Spain.

Barcelona, Nov. 22. All is very quiet on this Frontier. They write from Portmahon, that the English continue to fortifie themselves there; That they have taken all the Artillery out of the Citadel and removed it to Fort St. Philip; round which they have dug a Ditch in the very Rock on which the Fort is built; and that, as it consists of a soft Rock of Stone, they are making Vaults under the Ground, to secure the Garrison from Bombs in case of an Attack.

London, Decem. 8. Colonel Clayton, Deputy Governor of Gibraltar, has received his Majesty's Commands furthwith to repair to his Post.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Decem. 8.

THE Emperor's prohibiting the Importation of English Manufactures into his hereditary Dominions, hath occasioned the Merchants of Ratisbon who frequent the Fair of Lintz, to represent to the Government by way of Memorial, the bad Consequences of such Prohibition with respect to their Trade; particularly, because the Privileges given to the Ostend Company, entirely forbids, as it were, coming to the Market at Lintz, since all those Goods usually brought to Ratisbon, are actually contained in the Prohibition.

Diverse other Representations are made in that Memorial; but little Regard is had thereto by the Emperor, who continues fix'd in his Resolution to support the Commerce of the Ostend Company.

But however obstinate he and his new Allies may be, yet the Measures taken by his Britannick Majesty will not fail of answering the good Ends for which they were intended; and nothing can contribute more thereto, than the Detention of the Gallcons by Admiral Hosier, notwithstanding the Insinuations made by ill affected Persons.

There are like to be hot Disputes Tomorrow in the General Court which is to be held of the East India Company, touching a Difference which happened last Sale, between the Merchants and Traders, Buyers of Piece-Goods, and such of the Directors, as are Buyers also: The former having made a Remonstrance some Time ago to the Directors, a Committee was appointed to search the Companies Books of the Prime Coast of Goods in India, and the Accompt of former as well as the last Sales; and have now printed the said Remonstrance, as also two Representations, setting forth the Advantages that have been taken by Eccleston the Quaker one of the Directors, and others who bought Lots of Goods, which were above 20 per Cent. better than the Samples they were sold by; and Macarnold in particular owned, that he bought one Load by Chance, the Sample whereof was Coast Callicoes, but when the said Lot was opened, it appeared to be all fine Pieces, except 17 which answered the Sample, and that he got 280 L. by the finest of the Goods in the Lot only. There are divers more Instances, what others have got knowingly, and particularly the Dutch Buyers, who 'tis said have been let into the Secret. In fine it appears that the Company have sustained great Losses by these Collusive Dealings.

Those interested in the South Sea Stock are not a little impatient to know how the Money which have arisen by the Companies Trade, and the Sale of the late Directors Estates will be applied. Mean Time some pretend that the same has in Part been appropriated towards keeping up the Dividend of 6 per Cent. and defraying the Charges of carrying on the Whale Fishery. But it will not be long before they will be informed thereof to their Satisfaction, the present Managers being all Gentlemen of

of Worth and Integrity. We are told that by the Diligence and Conduct of the Lord Onslow, the first Discovery of the Imposture of the Woman relating to the Rabbit Affair was made.

The Lord Wymouth aged about 15, was married last Tuesday to a Daughter of the Duke of Dorset, aged 14. This Day Sir John Dolbin preached before the Sons of Clergy at St. Pauls.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Decem. 10.

Since our last arrived a French and Holland Mail.

ALthough the Emperor and his new Allies carcarry Matters with such a high Hand, as to contemn all Proposals for an Accommodation, yet 'tis the Opinion of several at the Court End of the Town, that they will not venture upon a War, in which they can have no tolerable Prospect of Success.

The Advices from the Hague relate, that the British and French Ministers having each of them received an Express from their Courts, had on the 10th Instant N. S. a long Conference with the Deputies of their High Mightinesses, and the latter was again in Conference the next Morning with several Members of the State, and that the said Expresses were to be sent back the same Day, but what they import is not known to the Publick. Levies are carrying on with the greatest Success thro' the seven United Provinces: And 'tis said their High Mightinesses are writing a third Letter to the said Provinces, pressing them to give their Consent furthwith to a further Augmentation of the Forces of the Republick, by Reason of the Danger being considerably increased since the Writing of their former Letters.

We have an Account, that the English Merchants are removing their Effects from Cadix and some other Spanish Sea-ports; That the Lime Man of War was arrived at Gibraltar from Lisbon; That on the 2d Instant arrived a Man of War called, *Our Lady of Victory*, and 3 Ships more from Brazil, which came thence in Company with the *Saint Katharine* and *All Souls*; and that on the 30th of November last, being in Sight of Portugal, they were attacked by an Algerine Man of War, who soon took the *St. Katharine* and *All Souls*, and had also taken the other three, if the aforesaid Man of War had not come up to their Assistance.

We learn by a Letter this Day from Axminster, that the Post-boy coming to Sherburn in Dorsetshire, was drowned near that Place, and all the Bags and Letters (contained in a Sack separate from the Mail) between Sherburn and Exeter, were carried down the Stream with the Boy; but the Horse swam out with the rest of the Letters. The Roads in the West, it seems, are worse than has been known.

Last Sunday George Pit, Candidate for Knight of the Shire for Dorset, accompanied by Geo. Trenchard, Esq; and several other Gentlemen, came to Pool, where he was received with all Demonstrations of Joy and Respect.

Last Night at the Theatre of Lincoln's Inn, there was an Entertainment called *Harlequin the Sorcerer*; in which the Audience was entertained with a Representation, ridiculing the *Rabbet Imposture Harlequin*, assisted by a Man-midwife, and was delivered of several Rabbits, and then run about the Stage, producing a general Laughter.

Yesterday at a General Court of the E. India Company, Mr. Eccleston cleared himself of the Charge mentioned in our last: In his Speech, he set forth the great Services he had done the Company by his Inspection into the Dutch Buyers; and intimated, that the Warehouse-keeper had connived with these Buyers. For which 'tis said he is discharged from that Employment. The Directors offered several Regulations, for preventing Abuses in their Sales for the future, which were approved of.

P. S. We are told, that a Plot is formed against Gibraltar and Portmahon; That the Grisons have agreed to give free Passage to the Imperial Troops into Italy; That the Emperor is resolved to march 85000 Men into the Netherlands; and that the Swedes are for a Neutrality.

We just now hear, that Rhodes, who was this Afternoon try'd for forging Powers of Attorney, was acquitted.

Our Lord Mayor sent 20 Pounds towards the Charity Collection at the Feast of the Sons of the Clergy, which amounted to 600 l.

From the Evening Post, Decem. 10.

Rome, Nov. 23. Cardinal Bentivoglio, Minister of Spain is now enabled to support the Dignity of his Character, with great Splendor; for his Catholick does not only allow him 2000 Crowns a Month, but also gives him Leave to exceed that Sum on extraordinary Occasions, promising to make it good.

Barcelona, Nov. 17. The Marquis de Risbourg will go about a Month hence to Madrid, to assist at a great Council of War the King will hold towards Christmas.

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Ratisbon, Nov. 25. They write from Vienna, That the Dutch Miniſter has given in a new Memorial about the Oſtend Company, at which the Imperial Court has been very much diſguſted.

Sarum, Dec. 2. This Morning the two Troops of Dragoons that was quartered here, marched into the Weſt to diſperſe the Weavers, who are got into a Body about Warminſter, Trowbrigde and the Devizes, and to prevent further Miſchief from them.

Froom, Somerſet, Dec. 2. We have been viſited here by a Body of 5 or 6000 Weavers from Wiltſhire; they went to ſeveral Houſes in the Town to ſett e the Wages, and where their Demands were complyed with, and fair Words given, they did no Harm; but where they imagined themſelves not civily treated, or any Demur made to their Prices, the Windows paid for it.

London, Dec. 10. By a Ship arrived from Cadix in 24 Days, there is Advice, that the Engliſh Factors were removing their Effects from ſome Spaniſh Sea Port Towns.

His Excellency Horatio Walpole Eſq; Ambaſſador extraordinary at the French Court is arrived here from Paris.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Dec. 10.

Vienna, Nov. 26. In the laſt Audience the Duke de Richlieu, Ambaſſador of France had of the Emperor, his Majeſty was pleaſed to aſſure him, that he had a particular Reſpect and Eſteem for the Moſt Chriſtian King; and that he might not doubt, but in a ſhort Time, the Differences which might in ſome Appearances menace a War, would timely be terminatd in an amicable Manner; which he did not doubt, but the King of France would do his utmoſt to contribute. We hear from Conſtantinople, that the Diſtemper there was as good as ceaſed.

Paris, Dec. 14. Their Majeſties are at preſent in Health at the Palace of Verſailles, whither the Cardinal de Fleury went Yeſterday to aſſiſt in a Council. Here is a great Diſcourſe of an Envoy Extraordinary to be ſent from Vienna, upon Matters of Importance touching an Accommodation.

Hague, Dec. 11, It is now reported here, that the Emperor propoſes to make over Ruremond and its Diſtrict, together with all that belongs to him in the Province of Guelderland, by way of Equivalent for the Succeſſion to the Dutchies of Bergues and Juliers, which his Imperial Majeſty has guarrantied to the King of Pruſſia, by virtue of his late Treaty, managed by the General Count Seckendorf. But this Expedient we do not look upon as likely; becauſe on the one Hand, Ruremond does by no Means anſwer up to the Value of Bergues and Juliers to the King of Pruſſia; and yet it is on the other Hand, a Place of vaſt Importance to the Emperor, for preſerving a Communication between the Empire and the Auſtrian Netherlands; and therefore not to be alienated without abſolute Neceſſity.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, Dec. 17.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 27. The Proveditors of our Fleet have received Orders to furniſh with the utmoſt Expedition 4 Months Proviſions, one Moiety whereof to be delivered here, and the other at Revel.

Gibraltar, Nov. 16. The Governor of Cadix has informed our Governor, that he will admit no Veſſels or Effects coming from the Levant, if they have but touched in our Bay.

Milan, Nov. 27. The Report ſpread in this Country, that the Duke de Riperda had been Beheaded at Segovia, appears groundleſs. His Lordſhip has the Liberty of walking thro' the Caſtle, and to viſit the Officers in Garriſon.

From the Supplement to the Amſterd. Gazette, Dec. 17.

Stockholm, ---- Follows the Objections, given by thoſe here who are againſt this Kingdom's Acceſſion to the Hanover Treaty.

Objection I. Our Nation having great Need of Peace, the better to recover its priſtin Vigour, 'tis much to be feared that our Acceſſion to the Hanover Treaty will inſenſibly engage us in a War; either in leading us by Degrees into the Plans which yet are hid from us; or that the Court of Ruſſia, which has ſufficiently intimated to us its Diſlike of the Engagements we behoved to take with France and England in conſequence of ſuch Acceſſion, might take Umbrage thereat.

Object. II. Our Acceſſion to the Hanover Treaty will furniſh Ruſſia with a ſpecious Pretext of Diſtruſt, whereupon ſhe may invade Finland, ravage our Coaſts once more, and carry a War into the very Boſom of our Kingdom, the Conſequences of which may prove dangerous to our Government, and to our Liberties.

Object. III. In caſe Sweden ſhould be attacked, what

what Succour can she expect from Potentates at so great a Distance as are those of France and England? And may she not even be swallowed up, before so much as the News of her being attacked, may reach Paris or London?

Object. IV. Suppose France and England were in a Capacity to assist us, 'tis questioned if France (whose Friendship towards us has not always been cordial, Witness what pass'd in the Treaties of Westphalia and Nimueguen,) will punctually fulfil its Engagements? And tho' the English Fleet should act even with more Vigour than they did in the 1719, if it is capable to protect our Coasts against the Russian Galleys?

Vienna, Decem. 4. The Court will next Week make Answer to the Explanations demanded by Great Britain touching Gibralar and Portmahon.

From the Daily Journal, Dec. 9.

Vienna, Nov. 20. The Duke de Richlieu is actually leaving this Court, having last Week paid off all his Creditors; and 'tis said a Detachment of the Emperor's Guards are to conduct him safe to the Frontiers: He leaves here a Secretary and some other Domesticks.

London, Dec. 9. Instead of a French Mail being arrived on Wednesday Night, we should have said a Messenger was arrived Express from Paris.

The Woman who is said to have been delivered of the Rabbits is committed to Bridwell. Mean Time Mr. St. Andre his Majesty's Anatomist, looks very sullen upon it.

Paris, Dec. 6. The Talk of a Project for accomodating the Affairs of Europe, and of a general Congress to be held for that Purpose, still continues. We are assured that if the Emperor's Preliminary Articles tend to a Declaration of War, or if he be the first Aggressor; the King will put himself at the Head of his Army in Flanders, and the Duke of Orleans will serve in Germany; but that if the Emperor means nothing more than to maintain the Ostend Company, without proceeding to Acts of Violence, then the King will only furnish the Maritime Powers with the Succours stipulated by the Hanover Treaty. Mean Time we are assured, that there's a Project on Foot to bring the Emperor off with Honour, from his Engagement with respect to the Ostend Company.

From the Weekly Journal, Dec. 10.

We hear from Madrid, that it is resolved in Council to exert their utmost Force by Sea, towards the Spring, and that they hope to have a great Fleet of Men of War at Sea, which are chiefly to be employed in the West Indies.

A Ship that arrived this Week at Bristol came laden with Advice, that the Spaniards had actually declared War against us; but how this Piece of Intelligence was blown to her, the Crew does not inform us, but make the best of it, 'tis but Ship News.

'Tis doubted whether the Earl of Stairs will go to Jamaica.

Edinburgh, Decem. 19. The Post expected early Yesterday morning, is not yet arrived.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Fishery-Office, Decem. 13. 1726.

The MANAGERS of the Fishing-Copartnery give Notice, That they are to expose to Sale by publick Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market of Edinburgh, upon the 31st Day of January next, at 3 after Noon, the Copartnery's LANDS of Peterhead, and some FEUS and FISH-BOATS in Stonehaven. The Rental and Conditions of Sale to be seen at the Copartnery's Office.

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